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If the person is detained and not home but not sick enough to need a hospital so insurance companies would not pay, who is paying for food and lodging. If because of the delay in travel – either by plane or boat can these tickets be redeemed later or reimbursed?

Section 70.20 – will the person being held be notified of their right to a hearing and if a representative is needed – is this like court and a DA will be appointed or does this sick person need to find someone.

Most of your airline regulations are meant to deal with travel outside the state or country. But I live in bush Alaska – which means that the only way to travel from one point to another consistently is by plane. I work in a hospital that is central to 32 villages. These villages do have Community Health Aids in most – but not all of them. The community health aids can render 1st aid and more (suturing, emergency deliveries of babies, etc.) but they have virtually no laboratory capabilities and no x-ray capabilities. When I read your definition of Ill people on page 71929, I can say that people with those symptoms do come in from the village to our central hospital for diagnostic labs and x-rays, as well to see a physician. Some are authorized and some just choose to come in on their own. If we suspect TB we ask the patient to wear a mask, that is if they went through the health aid. Ensuring that they have a travel permit to travel will not help since many times the health aid does not have the medical diagnostic techniques to determine a diagnosis. I am concerned that what sounds like a good strategy for the rest of the US will not work here. When you make broad policies for all airlines they get applied to bush Alaska and make it hard or very expensive to do health care business out here. The change in transporting Clorox as a hazardous substance and not on a passenger airline, being one of them. Most of our planes – especially to the villages are usually freight and passenger flights.

If there could be a different standard for flights within a state – or when air flight is the only means of consistent travel, that would help.

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